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Just a short note to say I think the government has made a mess out of the Microsoft case. First, I think Microsoft has provided a valuable service to the consumer bringing together a line of products that work together. This certainly wasn't the case in the mid 1980's when there were vast incompatibilities between word processing, spreadsheet, and other software on the market. Microsoft's products work together very well. I can import and export objects between files, and get things done. The consumer recognizes that and buys those products. Second, I don't think Microsoft did anything wrong, and certainly not anything that other companies have been doing for years trying to establish and keep their market. They are the premier business paradigm in the US -- and we're trying to crush it. It doesn't make sense. Close the case.